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REMARKS

Claim 21 has been amended. Support for this amendment is found on page 3, lines 18-20 of the specification. Applicants have specifically classified laundry, dishes and hard surface cleaning as different applications.

Applicants believe this amendment to distinguish the present invention over both Ramachandran et al, US 4469605, which is directed to laundry, and Chun et al., US 5133892, which is directed to dishwashing.

All the elements as found in claim 21 are not taught or suggested by Ramachandran et al. or Chun et al. because Ramachandran et al. do not suggest the laundry detergent described therein for hard surface cleaning and Chun et al. do not suggest the dishwashing tablets described therein for hard surface cleaning.

It has never been explained by the Examiner in the previous Office Actions mailed February 25, 2003 and August 12, 2003, how laundry, which is a soft surface, can be considered by the Examiner to fall under the category of hard surface cleaning. The Applicants do not. Likewise, the art distinguishes between dishwashing and hard surface cleaning, and the Examiner has not explained why dishwashing is considered hard surface cleaning. Clearly, these applications are distinguished in the art over one another. See for example, US 6632784, US 6630434, US 6583096 and so forth.

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CONCLUSION

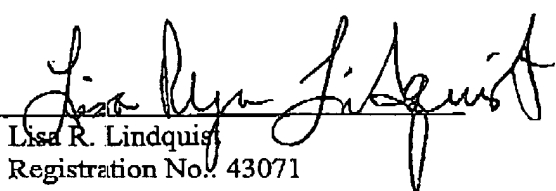
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and an early allowance of the claims as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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